IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph on page 2, between lines 18-23 of the specification with the following:

For ~~PD~~ a partition descriptor information (PD), it could be considered providing drives that conform to an existing drive interface, e.g., Compact Flash. This would allow PB to be used in many existing products, such as still picture cameras. Having access to such an existing installed base of customers is likely to spur the initial adoption of PD. The drawback to this approach is that no control is provided over what is written on the disc. In particular, the application can use any file system, so that exchanging discs between devices is in general not supported.

Replace the paragraph on page 3, between lines 6-10 of the specification with the following:

This object is achieved by a drive device ~~as claimed in claim 1, by~~, a record carrier ~~as claimed in claim 21~~, and by a reading

or writing method ~~as claimed in claim 26~~. Accordingly, a drive

readable area is provided which offers a space for at least one of

logical level structures and application level structures. This

space can be used to offer a generic way for the storage of

specific definitions of logical formats and application formats.

Replace the paragraph on page 3, between lines 24-26 of the

specification with the following:

The at least one predetermined parameter may comprise a disc

descriptor information for specifying at least one of an

identification of the record carrier, a type of the record carrier,

and parameters applying to said record carrier as a whole.

Replace the paragraph on page 3, between lines 27-31 of the

specification with the following:

Furthermore, the at least one predetermined parameter may

comprise a partition descriptor information (PD) for specifying at

least one of a nature of each partition on the record carrier, a

type of each partition on the record carrier, a space associated

with each partition on the record carrier, a fragment allocation to

each partition on the record carrier, and specific rules for

recording on each partition on the record carrier.

    Replace the paragraph on page 17, between lines 25-29 of the

specification with the following:

    Application specific data can be defined in the disc

~~management~~ navigation area DN, e.g. multiple entry points into the

data recorded for a specific application. This offers the

opportunity to apply seek optimization, e.g. special access

patterns, to limit the power consumption. For some applications the

drive device 30 may be able to select an application class optimal

for its purpose without the aid of the application.